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**EXPEDITED EXAMINING PROCEDURE
UNDER 37 CFR § 1.116**

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Title of the Invention: COMPUTER METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR INTERMEDIATED EXCHANGE OF COMMODITIES

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL UNDER 37 CFR § 1.116

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Dear Sir:

In response to the sixth Office action mailed May 3, 2002 and designated as a final rejection, please amend the subject patent application as follows.

In the Claims:

--116. (Twice Amended) A computer implemented method for an electronic intermediated exchange of a plurality of commodities among a plurality of participants comprising the electronic negotiation steps of:

(a) generating electronic opening messages from the participants to the intermediary, wherein the opening messages comprise digital data representing opening requests of the participants to buy and/or to sell amounts of one or more commodities, and wherein, for at least one commodity both buy and sell requests are generated by participants;

(b) generating electronic offer messages to the participants from the intermediary in response to received messages from said participants, wherein the content of the electronic offer messages are determined by the intermediary based on said received messages and comprise digital data representing offers to the participants respectively to buy and/or to sell amounts of one or more commodities requested in said opening messages by said participants respectively to be sold and/or bought, with each offer being less than or equal to the amounts represented in the corresponding opening request, and wherein, for at least one commodity, the offer messages comprise both